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To Whom It May Concern,

Dingyu Wang was a student in my CS 327E Elements of Databases course last Fall from August to December 2017. CS 327E is an introductory database course that is offered to non-Computer Science majors. My goal in the course is to acquaint students with the breadth of databases and data management topics. The course includes designing and implementing a relational database in MySQL, developing a Python application to interact with the database, working on a final project, taking weekly quizzes, contributing to class discussions, and writing a final exam.

Dingyu excelled in all these areas. He was a leading light in my class of 69 students whose knowledge of databases ranked from low to high. He attended class regularly and was engaged in class. He came to office hours and asked several times for my feedback on his work. He showed great leadership in the final project, guiding his partner on the challenging aspects and collaborating with him on all the important milestones. He also helped the other students by participating in class discussions and answering questions on Piazza. In all, he was one of my best students and contributed significantly to the class.

Sincerely,

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